

# Cactus District Weekly Update



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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!
Cactus District Website

# GLENDALE RECEIVES AWARD FOR REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

Enhanced Dial-A-Ride Services Now Offered

The city of Glendale, along with 14 other partnering municipalities, the county and Valley Metro, has received the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) 2016 Desert Peaks Award for Regional Partnership in recognition of its role in the recent Regional Paratransit Plan Update.

A key component of the plan update is the new Dial-A-Ride service guidelines which simplify the user experience for paratransit riders who may be unable to use the bus and rail service for some of all of their trips.

Glendale Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff of the Cholla District, who serves as the city's representative and treasurer of the Valley Metro Board of Directors, accepted the award on behalf of the city during a special ceremony on June 22.

The new regional model provides consistency between ADA paratransit service providers and eliminates the need for transfers between multiple service providers on a one-way regional trip. "This significantly reduces trip times and enhances safety and comfort for Dial-A-Ride users," said Tolmachoff.

ADA paratransit is shared-ride, door-to-door transportation provided via vans and taxicabs to people with disabilities who have limited ability to ride or access to fixed-

route buses or trains. Until recently, paratransit Dial-A-Ride services operated within the Valley Metro region as five separate systems with varying service hours among the separate providers and required the rider to transfer from one service provider to another when traveling into different jurisdictional boundaries or city limits in the course



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of a one-way regional trip.

The new regional Paratransit service can be accessed by each of five Dial-A-Ride programs operating in the greater Phoenix area. This includes Glendale Dial-A-Ride, Phoenix Dial-A-Ride, East Valley Dial-A-Ride, Peoria Dial-A-Ride and Northwest Valley Dial-A-Ride. For travel within each of these Dial-A-Ride areas, riders can call the local Dial-A-Ride service provider.

Glendale residents can call the city's Dial-A-Ride Information Line at 623-930-3502 for additional information about the enhanced paratransit services, or visit www.valleymetro.org/accessibility to learn more about accessible fixed-route bus and rail services.

The Desert Peaks Awards were initiated by MAG to recognize individuals and partnerships that have demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through their cooperative efforts.

# E. Lowell Rogers Recognition and Glendale Summer Band's **50th Anniversary Celebration**



E. Lowell Rogers and Glendale **Summer Band 50th Anniversary** Celebration

Enjoy a brief recap of the Glendale Summer Band's celebration of it's 50th Anniversary (the longest running City band in Arizona) and recognition of it's founder, E. Lowell Rogers.

Watch Here!



E. Lowell Rogers' Legacy

Take a trip down memory lane as Vice Mayor lan Hugh discusses the legacy of E. Lowell Rogers with a panel of important Glendale musical figures. Curtis Rogers (Lowell's Son), Jay "Juan Oskar" Maynes, and Gordon Williford. Watch Here!

# GLENDALE OFFERS "HEAT RELIEF" STATIONS THIS SUMMER



Stay Cool This Summer When the Temperature Get's Hotter

Glendale is partnering with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Heat Relief Network, along with several other municipalities, businesses, service providers and caring residents



**Cactus District** Amenities



Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden 7637 N. 55th Ave. Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park here.

Rose Lane Park 51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue



Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is

mobilizing to provide hydration and heat refuge for people in need over the hot

summer months.

Eight locations throughout Glendale have been designated as places where those distressed by the heat can find water, shade and help this summer. Glendale Hydration and Refuge Stations:

- \* Glendale Main Library 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday/Wednesday 1-8 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.
- \* Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m.
- \* Velma Teague Branch Library 7010 N. 58th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday/Thursday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 1 a.m.-3 p.m.
- \* Community Action Program Office 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Ste. B51, Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., Glendale, AZ 85308 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day)
- \* Glendale Adult Center 5970 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* Glendale Parks Field Operations Office 6210 W. Myrtle Ave., #111, Building B, Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* Glendale Community Housing Office (Hydration Only Station) 6842 N. 61st Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Donations of bottled water needed! Glendale Fire Department is teaming up again this year with Visit Glendale to collect bottled water donations for distribution through Heat Relief Stations to the most vulnerable populations in the region to stay hydrated and healthy.

Donated water will be accepted 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at the Glendale Visitor Center, Suite 140, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., and at all Glendale Fire Department stations.

MAG's Heat Relief Network program offers water bottle collection sites, hydration stations and refuge locations throughout Maricopa County. For more information on this program, visit http://www.azmag.gov/heatrelief.

#### Important tips to avoid heat-related illness

- Increase fluid intake, regardless of activity level. Staying hydrated is extremely important.

Limit eversion or outdoor activity between the bours of 11 a.m. and 2n.m.

Rose Lane Aquatics

19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

### **Rose Lane Park** includes:

Lighted ball field Lighted basketball court Two lighted volleyball courts Four lighted racquetball courts Playground Picnic tables Grills Restrooms Reservable ramadas

Aquatic center

Recreation center



# **Rose Lane Recreation** Center 5003 W. Marlette Ave. 623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours: Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. More Information.



- Limit exercise of outdoor activity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3p.m.
- When outdoors, wear a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 15 and reapply often.
- Wear a hat, lightweight clothing and sunglasses.
- Rest frequently in shady or cool areas to give the body's temperature a chance to recover and cool down.
- Never leave infants, children or pets inside a parked vehicle.
- Check on elderly neighbors to make sure their air conditioning is working and in use.
- Take advantage of free air-conditioned spaces by visiting shopping malls, libraries, or other heat refuge locations.

Heat Relief and water bottle collection location maps are available at all Glendale libraries and community centers and online at http://www.azmag.gov/heatrelief. For additional information on regional heat relief efforts, please contact Celina Brun, Maricopa Association of Governments, at 602-254-6300 ex. 5130.

### **Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites Mosquitos**

With months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to eliminate standing water to protect their homes and families against mosquitoes and diseases such as West Nile virus.

"We often see a dramatic increase in mosquitos around standing water, depending on the amount of rain each monsoon season," explains Monica Rabb, Glendale environmental program manager.



As Monsoon Rains Continue, Glendale Gives
Tips to Safeguard Against Mosquito-borne
Illnesses

The best way to eliminate mosquitoes is to eliminate their

breeding sites. Residents, businesses, homeowner's associations, and municipalities are all responsible for eliminating and preventing mosquito breeding on their property. Glendale Parks Division oversees the preventative treatment and elimination of

mosquito breeding at city-operated facilities, including city parks, wildlife habitats, and retention basins.

Parks crews begin applications of larvacide treatment each year around April. Crews continue mitigation and ongoing inspections of known areas for standing water after rains, irrigation breaks or water related issues within 24 to 36 hours following each rain event through late October.

Additionally, park rangers monitor flood-irrigated parks closely during monsoon season to ensure standing water does not exceed a 36 hour threshold. Mineral oil is also used as needed in the form of a proactive larvacide treatment.

Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home. Mosquitoes breed in standing water and their eggs will batch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week

#### Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. \* 623-930-7905 (east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics
Center here!

and after it rains, and get rid of containers that collect water. Empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.

- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to Maricopa County at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually from dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitoes. Residents can contact the Maricopa County Vector Control Hotline at **602-506-0700** or online at <a href="http://www.maricopa.gov/wnv.%20">http://www.maricopa.gov/wnv.%20</a>

Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at <a href="http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/publichealth.cfm#WestNile.%20">http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/publichealth.cfm#WestNile.%20</a>

## Join the Citizen Police Academy, Today



# Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department's Citizen Police Academy is a free program designed for citizens of Glendale and members of the business community. This program allows attendees to experience an inside view of the Glendale Police Department and the different roles and responsibilities of both our sworn officers and civilian employees. During the 12-week program, attendees will meet the men and women of this department, see what they do to help make our community safe, and even get some hands-on experience with the tools and equipment they use.

#### Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the Fall 2016 Citizen Police Academy. The Fall program is scheduled to begin in August 2016. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Shepherd, Academy Coordinator, at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

#### Course curriculum includes:

Uniformed patrol
Crime Scene Investigation
D.U.I. recognition
Tactical operations

Use of canines
Police driving techniques
Firearms training
Police Detention Facility and Operations
Police Communications
Community Action Teams
Volunteer Opportunities

#### Program requirements:

Participants must be 18 years or older and able to attend a 12-week program, comprised of Wednesday evening classes, one Friday afternoon class and one Saturday morning class.

## **Application process:**

<u>Click here</u> to download an application for the Citizen Police Academy (Microsoft Word) <u>Click here</u> to download an application for the Citizen Police Academy (PDF)

As part of the application process all applicants must be fingerprinted. Please bring your completed application along with a photo ID to the Main Public Safety building during fingerprint service hours.

### Fingerprint service hours vary.

Please call ahead at (623) 930-3099. Main Public Safety Building Glendale Police Department 6835 N. 57th Drive Glendale, AZ 85301

For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd, Volunteer Coordinator, at (623) 930-3282 or by email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

### **Boards and Commissions**



The City's Boards and Commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific issues. You can find the full list of all 17 commissions and apply online at:

www.GlendaleAZ.com/boardsandcommissions or you can call (623) 930-2878 and I will be happy to send you a brochure in the mail.

#### 2016 Events and Activity Listings



# GLENDALE SUMMER BAND CELEBRATES ITS 50TH SEASON OF MUSIC IN DOWNTOWN GLENDALE

State's Longest-Running Community Band Kicks Off Summer Concert Series June 2

Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 50th season beginning June 2 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. through July 21, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn drives.

- June 2: There's Something About Music (Great opening of season music)
- June 9: Celebrate the 1960s (Popular TV, movie and Broadway music from the 1960s)
- June 16: What I Like About You (Favorite selections from current and past conductors)
- June 23: Milestones and Memories: 50th Anniversary Concert & Amphitheater Dedication (Premiere performance of An Arizona Celebration by Andrew Balent)
- June 30: Happy Birthday, America! (Patriotic and All-American, Summer Band Singers)
- July 7: Never Grow Up (Music from Peter Pan, Hook and children's favorites)
- July 14: The Great Gershwin! (The music of George Gershwin)
- July 21: Audience and Band Favorites (Favorite band and audience end-of-the-season music)

The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors and the Glendale Rotary. For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or

speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.



Sept 8 - Denny's - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 4303 W. Peoria

October 13 - Submarino's - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 7910 N. 43rd Ave #6



#### **Imagination Arts**

For ages 13-18 \* Instructor: Christy Puetz

Teens will have the opportunity to experiment with and experience painting, drawing, sculpture making, and mixed media projects. Each participant will design and create a unique sculptural figure or animal using wire, aluminum foil, clay, paints, and other mixed

medias.

To encourage continued art making throughout the session and into the upcoming school year, each student artist will be given his/her own individual writing/drawing journal and mark-making tools. All materials and tools will be provided.

Art Camps will be offered at the following locations in Glendale. Attendance at each location is limited to the first 18 teens to sign up. To sign up for a 5-day camp, contact Lisa at 623-930-4612 or <a href="mailto:LRobson-Enciso@Glendaleaz.com">LRobson-Enciso@Glendaleaz.com</a>.

\* Rose Lane Community Center \* 5003 W. Marlette Avenue Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 Daily camp session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Mojgan at 623-930-3557 or <a href="Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com">Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com</a>.

#### **Fallen Feathers**

Our primary mission is to feed, house, and rehabilitate birds. Additionally, we provide educational presentations to the public upon request and based on availability.



Medical care is supplemented through Dr. Hillary G. Frank, DVM, DIP. ABVP Avian at North Central Animal Hospital.

We are a Non Profit 501(c)(3) organization, allowing us to accept your tax-free donations. Your charitable gift helps us to get the materials we need to continue to run our facility, such as aviaries, carriers, food, medical supplies, etc. Please visit the <a href="Donation">Donation</a> page, or use the "Donate" button located on this page. We welcome supply donations, as well as monthly reoccurring payments on the Donations page. If you're looking for a charity, we've got big dreams and lots of beaks to care for.

Volunteers are also welcome at Fallen Feathers. Fallen Feathers cannot operate without volunteers. We know your time is valuable and we promise that your time with us will be like nowhere else. Please see the <u>Volunteer</u> page for more information.

For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.fallenfeathers.org/">http://www.fallenfeathers.org/</a>

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